

New Era

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South Slavonic Catholic Union.

Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

CURRENT THOUGHT

Poor Attendance

A number of complaints have been registered by local secretaries against the component members for their failure to attend the regular monthly meetings. Through the medium of the English section of Nova Doba various administrative officers as well as lodge publicity writers have urged apathetic members to take greater interest in the local branch by being present at the regular assembly once a month.

Pleas, admonitions, reprimands, contained in submitted articles relating to monthly lodge meetings may create a wrong impression on the reader who picked up and read a copy of the English section of our Official Organ for the first time. He would gather that all of the local lodge meetings are poorly attended.

Such is not the case as many of our lodges who enjoy excellent attendances at the meetings fail to publish this fact. Whether reports of such successful gatherings should be kept out of the Official Organ, through want of submitted articles, or published, is the concern of the local branch; although it should be the duty of the publicity committee to inform not only other groups of their success but their own lagging members as well.

Experience has taught a lesson to the greater majority of our lodges. That lesson is to make meetings attractive and not cut and dry affairs. However, "Business before pleasure" is a good motto for our lodges to follow, as each gathering has to accomplish a purpose—report of the secretary, dispose of unfinished business, plans for future endeavors, etc.

Although the interest of group planning and group working should command the members' strict attention during the regular meeting, still the manner in which it is presented may make the proceedings appear dull and monotonous. The president of the lodge holds the key to this situation as upon him depends the smooth flow of discussions made by the members. He has the commanding hand to cut short a useless discussion. With diplomacy and tact the president of the lodge can make the proceedings of the regular monthly meeting move at a fast tempo.

A little entertainment following the lodge meeting completes the evening of business and pleasure. Some groups indulge in the playing of cards, others dance to the tune of an accordion or an improvised orchestra, and still others prefer to talk things over. Social entertainment after the lodge meeting attracts many members who might have neglected to stay away each month.

Entertainment committee of a lodge has a special duty to perform—that of varying programs of entertainment after each meeting. They can provide entertainment in the forms of a good speaker, vaudeville acts, instrumental solos, a short play, etc.

Many of our lodges follow the rule of changing programs of entertainment after each regular monthly meeting. The resulting large attendances can be traced in part to the versatility of the entertainment committee.

Our Union's Investments

The supreme treasurer in his report to the 15th quadrennial convention in Cleveland, which was held from Sept. 8 to 16, 1936, brought out some interesting figures pertaining to the source of investments made by our SSCU. Below is part of the report taken from the minutes of the convention. It is significant in that it indicates the number of states in which our Union has investments recorded, and the total amount invested in the bonds issued by municipalities, school districts, etc., of each state.

Texas	\$ 235,000.00
Ohio	223,000.00
Illinois	176,000.00
New Jersey	145,000.00
New York	135,000.00
Michigan	105,000.00
North Carolina	92,000.00
Florida	82,350.00
Arkansas	70,433.95
West Virginia	70,000.00
Pennsylvania	60,000.00
North Dakota	50,000.00
Colorado	50,000.00
Washington	50,000.00
Indiana	45,000.00
Arizona	39,000.00
Minnesota	33,000.00
Oklahoma	30,000.00
New Mexico	30,000.00
South Dakota	28,000.00
Louisiana	25,000.00
California	20,000.00
Wisconsin	18,000.00
Virginia	15,000.00
Alabama	10,000.00
Kentucky	10,000.00
Tennessee	10,000.00

Total \$1,856,783.95
The total amount \$1,856,783.95, invested in bonds, represents the funds of both the adult and juvenile departments.

Some Impressions on Adamic's "Cradle of Life"

Again Louis Adamic comes through with a brilliant, informative and picturesque novel in his "Cradle of Life."

As G. B. Shaw has made the English conscious of England, Louis Adamic continues to make Slovenes, Serbs and Croats in the United States proud of their ancestry in Yugoslavia. Until this brilliant writer chose to illuminate the small country of Yugoslavia, until he took his pen in hand to inform the world of the fine people that composed it, the American-born Slovene, for instance, had little comfort in realizing that he sprang from such ancestry.

The reader learns a great deal of the customs, superstitions of the Croats in "Cradle of Life," and in one chapter where he is amused to learn that cats are deprived of their tails in order to chase away the evil spirit, he is profoundly moved in another chapter to realize the hardships the peasants must undergo, and on what little they do exist.

Dora, the peasant mother, who understands the primitive instincts of human nature, is a lovable character, even though she is found wanting in book learning and, to some extent, common sense. Adamic, with his distinctive style, portrays her in words that almost defy the brush and paint.

Rudek, the intelligent fahook, or love child, lives in the reader's mind. You find him in a broken down crib, looking at the strange surroundings. You follow his every move as he crawls along the dirt floor; you examine the objects hanging on the wall, and when, for the first time he sets foot outside of the house, you visualize a new world as it appears to Rudek's eyes.

The story is fast moving, and the unexpected continues to keep the reader wanting to go on. "Cradle of Life" is anything but wordy, and the reader becomes faintly conscious of the printed words before him only as he turns the pages. True to Adamic's style, it lacks any established style or precedent, and anything may happen in the next chapter.

"Cradle of Life" has its quota of tragedies. To the sensitive reader the loss of Rudek's hand may appear as superficial, as throughout the pages Adamic builds up Rudek's keen feeling for the art of describing his thoughts with paint and brush. Perhaps one may feel that there is no necessity of furthering the hardship of the intelligent fahook. One may feel that Adamic should have used other means to reconcile Rudek again with his beloved Doramamo.

On the other hand, this great tragedy brought out the human bondship that exists among the peasant mother and child. Even though Rudek becomes wealthy, deep down in his heart he never forgot his dear Doramamo.

The Proper Instrument

"What would you do, Goo-fus, if you were running a circus and the monkeys got out of their cages?"

"I'd get a monkey wrench and tighten them up."

BRIEFS

A play followed by a dance is the entertainment offered by Lodge No. 44, SSCU, of Barberton, O., to be held next Saturday, Nov. 7, in the Lodge Dornovina Hall. Singing Club Javornik will render numbers during the program which will start at 7 p. m.

Al Spehek, playing guard for the Case School of Applied Science of Western Reserve University, was one of the main reasons why Baldwin-Wallace eleven trailed at the end of the first half by a score of 12 to 0, during the game played Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Cleveland League Park. Although B.-W. managed to nose out Case by a score of 13 to 12, the former was considered far superior than indicated by the resultant score. According to the coach, "Al Spehek is the finest open-field blocking guard ever to attend Case, and I've had some pretty good ones here, too."

Cleveland Slovene lovers of music are looking forward to next Sunday, Nov. 8, when Singing Society Zarja will present the opera, "Nikolaj Subic-Zrinjski," in the auditorium of the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. For masterful renditions of operas in native tongue Zarja has no equal in these United States. Their superb performances have won Zarja a host of admirers, including even the music critics of the three leading Cleveland newspapers. Slovenes, in fact the Yugoslavs of Cleveland and neighboring communities—and even from distant cities—will be on hand to view the performance of Nikolaj Subic-Zrinjski."

Number of new members joining our SSCU during the months of August and September, 1936, almost equalled two hundred. As reported by the home office, 111 candidates were admitted in August: 71 in the adult division and 40 in the juvenile, while in September a total of 85 were enrolled: 54 in the adult department and 31 in the juvenile.

Annual Cleveland Community Fund campaign will be held from Nov. 16 to 24, with the goal set at \$3,300,000. On Nov. 6 Cleveland, long a leader in Community Fund campaigns, will be honored when it will witness the opening of the National Mobilization for Human Needs at its own Masonic Auditorium. This meeting will include an address by President Roosevelt from the White House, and music by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra from Philadelphia as part of the coast-to-coast broadcast.

Ladies' Lodge No. 137, SSCU, of Cleveland, O., will observe its 25th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 15, in the new St. Vitus' School on Glass Ave.

Lodge No. 155, SSCU, of Blaine, O., will unveil its lodge flag on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, with appropriate exercises. A dance will follow the program.

Five national Yugoslav fraternal benefit organizations are represented in the Cleve-

Supreme Court Gives Reason for Rejoicing

Fraternalists everywhere should be greatly heartened by the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma. This decision, overruling a decision of 16 years ago, is of far-reaching importance and blows up the grounds on which two attorneys sought to build up a fine "racket." In Oklahoma, where they started their career, they succeeded in enlisting the sympathies and co-operation of Superintendent O'Malley. As a result, for a time it looked as if every fraternal society would be forced to abandon doing business in that state.

Since O'Malley began his campaign of abuse and attack upon the fraternalists several things have happened. First, it became apparent to all fair-minded people in Oklahoma, as well as other states into which the tax racketeers attempted to operate, that the charges against the fraternalists were persecution and not prosecution. The fraternalists were not led into O'Malley's mud-throwing campaign, nor did they attempt to fight their battle in the columns of the daily press, as did O'Malley.

O'Malley was properly ignored and the fraternalists took their cause before the judiciary of the state of Oklahoma. O'Malley was, temporarily at least, stopped by injunction from exercising his dictatorial powers until the fraternalists had their day in court. This fair and just decision of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma is an answer to O'Malley's principal charges—that the fraternalists should be classed as old line life insurance organizations, and taxed accordingly. Other specific charges of O'Malley, made against some of the societies, have been as effectively disproved in the reports of expert examiners from insurance departments of several states. In each instance the charges have been found to be false and unwarranted.

Summed up, the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma is a splendid vindication of the cause of fraternalism. It should inspire rejoicing throughout its ranks.—Fraternal Monitor.

land Interlodge Basketball League which opens its 1936-37 season this evening. Eight teams are entered: George Washingtons, SSCU; Spartans, SSPZ; St. Josephs, KSKJ; Pioneers, CFU; Serbians, SBJF, and Buckeyes, Soča and Clairwoods of the SDZ. Games will be played every Wednesday evening at the St. Clair Bathhouse, starting at 7:15 o'clock. Admission to the games is only 5 cents. The SSCU entry has for its co-backer Bukovnik's Studio.

G. W. Fall Festival is the name of the dance which will be held by the Cleveland George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, on Saturday, Nov. 21, in the auditorium of the Slovene National Home. Hal Zeiger and his orchestra will furnish the music. Admission will be 30 cents. All SSCU members of Cleveland and neighboring vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

To Our Contributors

Please remember that Monday of each week is the deadline, and all articles received later will appear in the following week's issue of Nova Doba.

Write legibly, using ink or a typewriter if available. Do not use a pencil, as very often the letters are blurred. Where the editor can guess at what the writer might have in mind, he cannot guess at the spelling of individual names. Use one side of the sheet only.

Be sure and sign your name to the article in your own handwriting. Typewritten names are not acceptable. Do not sign yourself merely as "one of the committee," or "publicity committee," and do not assume pseudo names. Unless the article is properly signed by the writer it cannot be published in the Nova Doba.

Include a return address on the outside of the envelope. Sometimes, and unintentionally, the contributor inserts an incorrect address, and for want of a return address the postal department is forced to send the contribution to the dead letter office. Invariably, the editor is blamed because the article was never published.

Address all articles to: Nova Doba, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.

TO ALL MEMBERS

Nova Doba is your paper. Whether or not it contains news and items of interest pertaining to your locality depends upon whether or not there is an active reporter for the local lodge.

All the editor can do is correct and prepare submitted material for publication. Much as he would like to gather news from many localities himself, it is a physical impossibility. He must depend upon reporters.

Don't hesitate to submit articles for publication. Grammar, diction, construction—in fact all that goes to make up a composition—is edited for possible corrections.

Stork Active Among the Cleveland SSCU English-Conducted Lodges

Two outstanding personalities in the Cleveland SSCU English-conducted lodges experienced a new thrill during the past week—a thrill which

they will long remember and perhaps never forget.

Both became proud fathers, and to show no discrimination whatever, the stork presented their wives with a baby girl each.

To continue the readers' suspense as to who these individuals are (the proud papas had their share of suspense last week), we will go further and say that both represented Cleveland English-conducted SSCU lodges at the last convention.

Perhaps you've guessed it. John "Bub" Kardell, president of George Washington lodge, No. 180, SSCU, delegate to the 15th SSCU convention, and treasurer of the Convention committee on arrangements, is one.

John P. Lunka, secretary of Betsy Ross lodge, No. 186, delegate to the 15th SSCU convention who served on the by-law committee and who was elected fourth supreme vice president is the other.

According to reports, the first new juvenile prospect for the SSCU made her bow last Thursday, when Mrs. Lunka, former treasurer of the George Washington lodge, became the proud mother.

The second SSCU juvenile prospect opened her eyes for the first time last Sunday afternoon at the Polyclinic Hospital, when she shook hands with her dad to make his acquaintance. The young miss certainly gave her dad the once over, both directly and through the corner of her eyes. And they say babies cannot discern objects for the first six weeks.

Mrs. Kardell, the proud mother who is also secretary of George Washington lodge, beamed with joy when she found out that the stork presented her with a baby girl.

Both mothers are coming along nicely. Rumor has it that Mrs. Kardell may start acquainting the family's first offspring with the juvenile by-laws in the very near future.

Lodge No. 94

Waukegan, Ill.—Our lodge, St. Rochus, No. 94, SSCU, carried away the fifth prize of \$6 in the lawn bowling league organized and maintained in the S. N. Home.

Our members in general meet their assessments promptly, but there are a few who are in arrears in spite of the improved working conditions. Therefore, those who are behind in their obligations are requested to pay their assessments at least by the 25th of the month. In the event that such a member is suspended or expelled, and should an accident occur, invariably the blame falls upon the secretary instead of the delinquent member.

I sincerely request all members to meet the assessments in arrears, so that on Dec. 31 the books will be clear.

I want to take this means to mention that the S. N. Home put in new floors in the lower quarters. This improvement incurred an expense amounting to almost a thousand dollars. I have heard that lodges who meet in the Home are invited to attend a benefit entertainment which will be held Dec. 13, the proceeds of which will go toward defraying this expense. During the afternoon there will be a play, singing, etc., and in the evening a dance. Tickets purchased in advance are selling for 35 cents; they will be 40 cents at the door.

Anton Stanovnik,
Sec'y, No. 94, SSCU.

A Study in Bugs

Professor: "Name the five most common bugs."

Student: "June, tumble, lady, bed, and hum."

Girls' Teams in Cleveland SSCU League Give Men Plenty to Think About

Cleveland, O.—Team standings in the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League are anything but stable these days, and, as the rabid baseball fan will tell you, that's what makes the ball games interesting for all concerned.

Here is how the teams rolled Sunday, Nov. 1:

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes Pittsburghers, Arrowheads, Pathfinders, Cardinals, Indians, Colo. Sunshine, Happy-Go-Lucky, National Stars.

As a result of the foregoing scores, the team standings have been altered to read as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes Pittsburghers, Pathfinders, Colorado Sunshines, Arrowheads, Happy-Go-Luckies, Cardinals, Indians, National Stars.

Mike Krall paced the way for the men with his single high game of 222 and 557 for the afternoon's efforts. Al Jelercic came second with a total of 546, including a single of 196, followed closely by F. Drobnic with a three-game total of 545 and a high of 197; A. Perdan's brilliant performance of 205 contributed heavily toward his total of 542, while

Guide to Fraternal Law

By Attorney Richard J. Zaverznik, Chicago, Ill.

(Article No. 10—Health Insurance (Continued))

In a well-considered case, the Supreme Court of California held that where both the laws of the state and the by-laws of the society, which was incorporated, gave the right to repeal, alter or amend the by-laws, it was not a breach of the contract to amend a by-law, which provided that a member in case of sickness should receive ten dollars per week by limiting such allowance to a certain number of weeks thereafter though a member was sick at the time of such an amendment. In discussing the phrase "vested rights" the court says:

G. Kovitch and B. Rupert were having a swell time with totals of 534 and 539, respectively, including games of 191 and 190, respectively.

For the ladies, Mildred Skufca thrilled the spectators with a nice single of 191, and an afternoon's total of 451; Betty Stucin, the determined Miss who believes in "practice makes perfect," came through with 158 and a three-game series of 406; Sylvia Jelercic's afternoon efforts garnered a total of 405 pins for three games, including a high of 172, while Mary Perdan, with an even game of 150, collected 404 pins for the three games.

Incidentally, in the team standings we find a girls' team right in the middle of competition. Arrowheads, consisting of some exceedingly ambitious girls, is holding down fourth place, and handicap or without, that is something in a mixed league. The other group of females is none other than the National Stars, who are holding last place by a mere margin of one game. That is something to give the jitters to the next two men's teams who are tied for sixth and seventh place, especially when one refers to last Sunday's results and finds that the National Stars won two of the three games played.

Scores, team standings and individual highs were compiled by Frank Jaklich, secretary of the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League.

Stars Defeat Paths

Last Sunday Nov. 1, the Eastern Stars, SDZ bowling quintet, traveled to Gowanda, N.Y. to roll three match games with the Pathfinders, No. 222, SSCU pin team. The outcome, as far as "Patsy" Krall and Frank Yankovich (two of the E. Stars who are also Cleveland SSCU members) are concerned, was incidental to the fine time shown them by the Paths during their stay.

The visitors dropped the first game, but more than made it up in the second and third stanzas. Zahne with 202, Klemencic with 206 and Yankovich's average of 186, contributed a great deal to the two wins, while for the Pathfinders, Rizzo's 200 and "Hank" Zuzek's 192 kept their colleagues in the running. "Hank" will be remembered by many Clevelanders as the chap who traveled in the company of Ernie Palecic and "Mish" Strauss through five states to attend the second national S. C. U. bowling tournament held in Waukegan, Ill. last April.

But to get back to the story: Yankovich, the accordion wizard, was kept busy while in Gowanda playing waltzes, polkas, and Slovene numbers, much to the delight of the hosts. A good time was had by all.

Need for Fraternal

We like the way S. H. Hadley, new president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, expresses himself in the Fraternal Monitor on the subject, "Greater Need Today Than Ever for Work of Fraternal Societies," and for this reason it is reprinted below:

As we enter a new year in the history of the National Fraternal Congress, let us declare anew our belief that there is today more than ever before an insistent demand for the work that is being performed by the fraternal benefit societies. It is in truth a work that can not be done by any other institution. We believe in the value of the lodge room as a common meeting place for our people, where the principles of friendship and brotherly love are exemplified and where plans are laid and carried out for the practice of those great principles in actual life. We believe in the strength and perpetuity of the fraternal benefit system and the promotion of these ideas shall be our aim at all times.

We believe in the efficacy of the various state congresses, the outposts of the fraternal system, whose duty it is to watch well the interests of the fraternal system, and to them we pledge our help and efforts.

by-laws under consideration had specified that the weekly payments were to continue as long as the sickness continued. But it does not so specify. The time during which the payments were to continue is left indefinite. The substance of the contract is, in our opinion, that, in case of sickness, the member is to receive weekly payments for an indefinite period of sickness, subject to the power of the defendant to change the provision authorizing such payments so far as future payments are concerned."

But it is unfortunate, that these views are not followed in the majority of the states. It is advisable for a society to expressly provide in its certificate which it issues to the member as well as in the by-laws, not only that a member will be bound by future amendments to the by-laws, but that the so-

With the Pathfinders

Gowanda, N. Y.—In last week's bowling the Paths' girls came back strong to defeat the alley girls, three games to one, still retaining their hold on top place in the league standings. By the way, the Path girls have been leading the league since the current season commenced. Miss Strauss was high with a score of 189, and received a box of candy for her accomplishment.

The boys' team did not fare so well. They lost three games and won one, being defeated by the Gowanda Garden team. The boys have been having hard luck, losing games by small margins. They are much better than what their position indicates. The breaks are bound to come their way, if they just keep plugging.

Government and Private Relief

Discussing the difference between government and private relief, Ellwood H. Fisher, chairman of the Community Fund campaign Nov. 16 to 24 for a goal of \$3,300,000, explains that "Every major disaster leaves in its wake certain scars, debris, flotsam. The depression has left our community with the serious problems of malnutrition, neurotic mothers, fathers without spirit and morale to fight on, and the condition of children being abandoned."

"Governmental sums for relief are of an emergency nature, meeting only minimum needs. The Community Fund agencies are filling the gap, meeting other needs important in the building of good citizens. "Children and family welfare agencies will receive 33.4 per cent of the Fund goal being raised this year, while another 21.1 per cent will be raised for recreation centers and character building agencies. Therefore, more than half that the Fund raises goes for the revitalizing of families in this community," Mr. Fisher adds.

Fund agencies that provide training or work-relief for the needy and handicapped, such as Goodwill Industries, Association for the Crippled and Disabled, Society for the Blind, and Association for the Hard

At the Lake Shore Minor League banquet held Thursday, Oct. 29, all team managers were in favor of the circuit being made a full pledged Buffalo Evening News Suburban League. Sixty players, representing the eight league teams, were present at this banquet and all enjoyed a fine supper, moving pictures and an enjoyable speech given by Congressman James Mead. President Louis Andolsek accompanied the Pathfinders' players.

Where's Ernie? We are wondering if he, too, has hibernated for the winter. We haven't heard of him or from him lately. How about it, Ernie? Drop us a line sometime.

Thomas Sternisha, Athl. Supvr., No. 222, SSCU.

Lodge No. 78

Salida, Colo. — Members of St. Aloysius lodge, No. 78, S. C. U. are hereby notified that during the month of November each member must pay 10 cents into the lodge treasury. At the September 20 meeting it was decided to levy a lodge assessment of ten cents whenever a death of a member occurs in order to defray the lodge expenses in connection therewith. This is for the information of the members as to why the secretary makes this announcement.

Further, I appeal to the members of our lodge to go out and work towards securing new members. During the last three months we lost from our group two good members, and unless we seek means to replace the vacancies in our ranks, we shall lose ground.

Anton Gaber, Sec'y.

ROSTER ENGLISH SPEAKING LODGES S. C. U.

Large table listing various lodges (Arrowhead, Betsy Ross, Collinswood Boosters, etc.) with columns for Lodge No., Adult, and Juvenile counts.

OUR FRIENDS, NO. 227, GREENSBORO, PENNA.

President: Steve Beziak, Greensboro, Pa. Secretary: John Nickler, Sr. Treasurer: Frank Nickler, Box 227; Medical Exam: Dr. Eddy, Greensboro, Pa. — Meet every second Sunday in the month at the home of the Secretary at 2:00 P. M.

ELECTRONS, NO. 223, CHEWICK, PA. President: Stanley R. Progar, 218 Progar Ave., Springdale, Pa.; Secretary: J. Progar, 224 Center St., Springdale, Pa.; Treasurer: Chas. Matus, Box 145, Chewick, Pa.; Medical Exam: Dr. H. S. D. Moore, Chewick, Pa. — Meet every 2nd Sunday at 10:00 A. M. at the residence of Anton Klemencic, Chewick, Pa.

CARDINALS, LODGE NO. 220, STRUTHERS, OHIO. President: Joseph A. Zlogar, 46 Prospect St., Struthers, Ohio; Treasurer: August Slaba, 22 John St.; Medical Exam: Claude F. Yauman, Cox Bridge & State St. — Meet 1st Friday of each month at 7:00 P. M. at the Home of Bro. John Zlogar, 52, Grace St.

Iz urada glavnega tajnika From the Office of the preme Secretary

NOVI CLANI V AVGUSTU NEW MEMBERS IN AUGUST

Table showing membership statistics for August, categorized by lodge and age group (Adult, Juvenile).

Skupaj-Total 111

NOVI CLANI V SEPTEMBRU NEW MEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER

Table showing membership statistics for September, categorized by lodge and age group (Adult, Juvenile).

Skupaj-Total 85

Blood and Battle Field

A World War Chronicle BY IVAN MATICIC

From the Slovene by VALENTINE OREHEK

(Continuation)

Mountains! Our mountains! You have taken us upon your firm, hard shoulders in the days of sorrow. Who is higher than we? Only the salient crest of Krn, from which the eyes of avid enemies glower to impair our mountain peace and freedom; only the mighty Triglav yonder which scorns all earthly terrors, whom the blows of war can never reach. Who is yet higher than we on our summits? Neither emperor nor king! Down in the valleys pestilence and death run riot; there in the valleys the shout of embattled hordes is heard—the despairing wail of mothers and fatherless children rise. But here is repose, tranquillity; except at long range intervals when from the bottomless caverns a solitary shell strikes the topmost peaks, reads the air and churn among them. Then from the towering steps to the dusky glens the leaping horror ricochets—lone reminder to the mountains' sons of raging wars in the valleys.

Where nothing was before, barracks now spring up in the forests and lowlands: aid posts, food and ammunition sheds, all the results of Herculean labors. And everything would yet be bearable if it were not for the demon in human form, our regiment adjutant, whose mephistophelian smile and beard have duly impressed themselves on our minds. This perverted scoundrel is the source of all the torment that is brought to bear upon the regiment. Of what use for instance is there of the immense cinema auditorium whose size could accommodate a thousand men? To what purpose all these buildings since they are never given over to the enjoyment of the suffering thousands who brought them into being, who hauled the timber from far-off Bohinj through Lepin over Bogatin? What utility do the roads beaten over brake-neck heights possibly serve? What the roads whose breadth can admit the passage of the largest truck transports? Of what earthly use is the vast collection in clothing and material when men must go ragged and hungry. Ah!... but it is the wish of Mephisto and that is sufficient.

(To Be Continued)

